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### **I-80/94 Reopened to Traffic**

*Northbound I-65 also open to traffic*

LAKE COUNTY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces I-80/94 has reopened to traffic. Tolls on the Indiana Toll Road (I-90) will resume normal toll operations beginning 10:00 p.m. Central time.

At least three lanes of I-80/94 are open to traffic in both directions between the Illinois State Line and State Road 53 (Broadway). At the I-65 interchange westbound I-80/94 traffic is restricted to two through lanes and eastbound is open to three lanes of traffic. Traffic can travel on I-80/94 between the Illinois and Michigan State Lines.

The following local roads that cross the Borman are still closed south of I-80/94 because of high water. The southbound ramps from the Borman to Calumet Avenue are closed; northbound ramps are open. All ramps at Kennedy Avenue are closed. The ramps to southbound Grant Street are closed.

Northbound I-65 has also reopened to unrestricted traffic from U.S. 24 to I-80/94. The ramp from northbound I-65 to eastbound I-80/94 is still closed due to high water and traffic is directed to take the ramp to westbound I-80/94 to Broadway south to eastbound I-80/94. The ramp from eastbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65 is open to traffic but the ramp from westbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65 is still closed due to construction.

After the Little Calumet River flooded in August 2007, INDOT developed a flood action plan to protect the Borman. To date INDOT has carried out the items on the action plan including gaining access to the sluice gates from the Little Calumet River Basin Commission, installing duck bills at the flood gates, cleaning out the ditches along the Borman, and having pumps on hand in the event the Little Calumet River neared flood stages.

State Road 51 (S.R. 51) has also reopened to traffic between U.S. 6 and Fairview in Lake Station, Lake County.

State Road 55 (S.R. 55) between the towns of Thayer in Newton County and Shelby in Lake County is still closed due to high water from the Kankakee River.

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